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THREE LEADERS OF CHINA WORKERS-PEASANTS
DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONFESS IDEOLOGICAL ERRORS

On 7 February 1952, the Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao carried an article written by Yen Hsin-min, director, Propaganda Department, Central Work Committee, China Workers-Peasants Democratic Party, in which confessions by three members of the party's Central Committee [names not given] were averred. Yen quoted from Mao Tse-tung's opening speech at the Third Session of the First National Committee of the CPPCC (Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference), 23 October, 1951, as follows:

"Chairman Mao has said that 'The remoulding of ideology, primarily the ideological remoulding of the various types of intellectuals, is an important condition for the thorough implementation of democratic reforms in various fields and the gradual implementation of the industrialization of our country.'" Yen represented the confessions of the three Central Committee members as being "not sufficiently thorough." These confessions were made at the Sixth All-China Cadre Meeting, China Workers-Peasants Democratic Party which convened "after the Third Session of the First National Committee of the CPPCC."

The relevant portion of the article follows:

"The Workers-Peasants Party had a revolutionary and progressive side in that it had opposed imperialism and feudalism. However, it also had a counterrevolutionary side in that it had no faith in the USSR and opposed Communism. From its revolutionary and progressive side, it went forward and developed, of course. But, because of its counterrevolutionary side, it gave counterrevolutionaries the opportunity to infiltrate its ranks. Party apparatus was relatively pure after having undergone party rectification, study, and suppression of counterrevolutionaries. There remained, however, a doubt which has yet to be carefully cleared away. This is clearly attested to in the confessions of three members of the Central Committee [of the China Workers-Peasants Democratic Party] at this [the Sixth All-China Cadre] Meeting.

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"In the past, all three have certainly gone through a stage of revolutionary activity and have been in the party for a long time. Since they were saturated with calculations of personal interests and deficient in the people's standpoint, they made ideological mistakes. In committing these mistakes, both large and small, on the political level, a severe setback was delivered to faith in the party and the interests of the people. Their confessions are not sufficiently thorough, and all three, in confessing to motivationism, subjectivism, confused ideology, and petit bourgeois ideology, made light of their personal guilt. The people will not accept such [confessions]."

Yen goes on to promise, however, that the China Workers-Peasants Democratic Party, "formerly opposed to Communism and the Chinese Communist Party...and believing that the Chinese Revolution would not be successful and would eventually end in defeat under the leadership of the Communist International and the Chinese Communist Party..." will be cleared of bourgeois, petit bourgeois, and reactionary ideology and proponents.

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